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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAIN et al.

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For: CONTROLLED RELEASE NANO-
PARTICULATE COMPOSITIONS



Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: A. Pulliam

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action requiring restriction of the claims, mailed on May 9, 2000. While a shortened statutory period for response has expired, filed herewith is a Petition to extend the period of response to **July 9, 2000**.

REMARKS

The Examiner restricted the claims of the application into three groups as follows:

- Group I: claims 1-14 (in part), 15, 16-17 (in part), 18-21, 22 (in part), 25-29, and 30-36 (in part), drawn to **tablets** of controlled release nanoparticulate compositions;
- Group II: claims 1-14 (in part), 16-17 (in part), 22 (in part), 23, and 30-35 (in part), drawn to **gelatin capsules** of controlled release nanoparticulate compositions; and
- Group III: claims 1-14 (in part), 16-17 (in part), 22 (in part), 24, and 30-35 (in part), drawn to **sachets** of controlled release nanoparticulate compositions.